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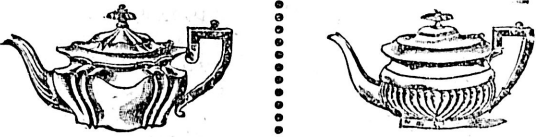
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In Spite of Russian Reply Mikado's Government Prolongs the Agony.

No Prospect of War For Some Weeks and Tokio in a Ferment.

Kobe Correspondent Yesterday Reported Clash Between Two Fleets.

London, Jan. 8.—The Japanese government has practically determined to continue negotiations. It is dissatisfied with Russia's terms, but does not feel warranted in estimating an ultimatum or breaking off negotiations and will make another offer to secure their modification before resorting to force.

It is anticipated that the discussion will continue a few weeks during which interim a break of the peace is very improbable.

M. Duescher, first secretary of the French embassy in London, in an interview today said that the present arrangements between France and Great Britain were such that it would be impossible to disturb them. He said it was not likely that France would interfere, even if Korea and China joined Japan.

The Kobe correspondent of the Daily Express sends a scare rumor to the effect that a collision between Russians and the Japanese fleets has taken place near the islands of Tsushima, in the Straits of Korea (about midway between Korea and Kishu).

This rumor is not mentioned in other sources and in view of the fact that the Japanese government is exercising a censorship over all news concerning naval matters may be safely disregarded.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Seoul says that twenty British, forty American and thirty Russian guards have already arrived to protect their legations.

Tokyo, Jan. 8.—The elder statesmen of Japan did not hold a conference today, but will probably confer tomorrow. In the meanwhile the wildest rumors are current. The press unanimously demands that the government take decisive action, thereby preventing Russia from gaining advantages by further dilatory tactics.

The people repose confidence in the government's ability to rise to the opportunity.

Paris, Jan. 8, 6.35 p.m.—The Associated Press learns that, in the opinion of the French government, there is still a chance of avoiding a conflict between Russia and Japan as a result of a conference made by Russia in her last note. The despatches which have come to Paris from all quarters today have been most pessimistic, and the hopefulness of the government is in strong contrast with these.

It appears that the Russian communication relates to the recognition of the preponderance of the interests of Japan in Korea. This has been the crux of the question between the two powers up to the present moment. Just before the conference goes it is impossible to learn, but in the effect in Tokyo, according to the information obtained, it has been more satisfactory than the press despatches show, and it is believed that negotiations will be in connection with Russia's concession a curious, and at the same time authoritative, story is told regarding the cause of the development of the present situation.

It appears that a misunderstanding has occurred between the Russian and the Japanese government, and that the note emanating from the latter did not contain the recognition of Japanese preponderance in any part of Korea, as Russia had insisted that the latest note of Russia clears up the situation, but whether it recognizes Japan's preponderant interests in all Korea is not known now.

The French government denies the sensational reports to the effect that it has ordered a division of warships and troops to China. Only one French ship is under instructions to proceed to the Far East.

Recognizing the situation as dangerous, there is talk in official and diplomatic circles of the advisability of separate or joint mediation by the powers who desire peace in the Far East. It is said that this could properly be done in accordance with The Hague convention, without giving offence to either Russia or Japan. The semi-official Temps expresses the view prevailing by calling attention to the fact that Great Britain, France, the United States and Germany are all interested in the maintenance of peace, arguing that to prevent efforts at friendly intervention by saying that one power or the other would become offended is contrary to the interests of the governments and of humanity.

Min Young Tohan, the Korean minister, said to the Associated Press today that he would not be surprised if Korea should appeal to the United States for its good offices in her behalf in case of the invasion of Korean territory by one of the other powers. Under the treaty between the United States and Korea it is permissible, "the people of Korea regard the United States in a most friendly way because of its fair policy and further, owing to the fact that it is the first country to open a treaty with the hermit kingdom."

"Russia does not want war," added the minister, "and the Japanese government does not want war; but the Japanese people are afraid."

The attitude of Korea has been disclosed, but my idea is that it will do all in its power to save its territory from invasion and to preserve strict neutrality. During the war between China and Japan, Korea was interested and consequently raised no objection to the passage of Japanese troops through the kingdom. But a different situation faces the government today. Korea is not interested in the dispute between Japan and Russia, and her people have no desire to ally themselves with Japan, which would follow should permission be granted for Japanese troops to operate in or from Korea.

I have made no protest to the powers against the landing of an American guard for the legation at Seoul. Probably if war occurs all the nations will land men for the same purpose."

Berlin, Jan. 8.—The Tagesspiegel Paris correspondent learns that the French government has been informed that Russia's answer to Japan makes far-reaching concessions respecting equivalent for the occupation of Korea, and that the Japanese occupation of Korea by Japan on lines somewhat similar to the position of Great Britain in Egypt, but that Russia rejects any right of Japan to mingle in affairs in Manchuria.

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TO REPRESENT PANAMA.
Paris, Jan. 8.—All United States consuls in Europe have received instructions from Secretary Hay to represent Panama in all consular matters.

BANK MANAGER DEAD.
Quebec, Jan. 8.—(Special)—E. E. Webb, general manager of the Union Bank of Canada, died this evening. Webb has been ill for some time.

CHICAGO BANDITS' TRIAL.
Chicago, Jan. 8.—The third day of the trial of Vandine, Marx and Neidermeier, the car barn bandits, ended without one juror being selected as a result of the three days' examination of veniremen. Four of the men accepted by the state have not yet been examined by the attorneys for the defence.

QUET AT KISHINEFF.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—It is semi-officially announced that all is quiet at Kishineff. The military and police forces there have been increased, but this is usual in the holidays.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 8.—Telegrams received from Kishineff by leading Jews yesterday evening did not contain the slightest indication of a panic, as reported in the United States yesterday, and nothing has been heard on the subject elsewhere.

LIBERAL FROST ON GABRIOLA ISLAND
Ralph Smith's Scheme to Get Endorsation Only Receives Four Votes.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Nanaimo, B.C., Jan. 8.—A very amusing story of Liberal plans that went wrong comes from the Victoria Post. Mr. Ralph Smith had been looking over his file of endorsements and had discovered that there was none from the Gabriola Island Liberal Association, and that possibly this may have led to two further and dreadful discoveries. There was no Gabriola Island Liberal Association in existence, but, however that may be, the flat went forth that organization must be undertaken there forthwith. A meeting was accordingly called at the schoolhouse last Tuesday evening for the purpose of forming a Liberal association. After Mr. James Lewis had been voted to the chair, it was duly moved and seconded that the gathering proceed to organize a per programme. And then the fun began. A farmer arose and objected to the proposal on the ground that it was all a scheme to secure another endorsement for the Liberal association.

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Russia's Latest Crafty Proposal

Desires That Future Negotiations Be Carried on at St. Petersburg.

Japan Outbids Rival For Turkish Warship in Cramp's Yard.

London, Jan. 9.—According to the Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent, the Russian reply proposes among other things to transfer the seat of negotiations to St. Petersburg, and Japanese newspapers denounce this as a manoeuvre intended to tangle Japan in the web of Russian intrigue. The correspondent adds that riots at Chollado, Korea, are increasing and that the officers of the Japanese steamer Shimo Maru, which left Port Arthur on January 4th, report that there were then eighty warships and three first-class torpedo boats and five battleships outside the harbor. Dredging was proceeding night and day in the eastern portion of the harbor, owing to the breakwater the port is almost ice-bound.

The correspondent says that despatches from Seoul to Japanese newspapers report the Emperor of Korea as vacillating and unable to adopt a definite policy. The Emperor is greatly reassured by the receipt of a memorial from the Korean officials declaring that there is no danger of war, the arrival of the United States marines being due to the report that the Japanese and United States and Japan and that Japanese war preparations are merely a bluff intended to frighten Russia.

Other telegrams to the Daily Mail state that the Russian reply was further considered at a cabinet meeting on Friday, which sat for several hours. It is supposed that Japan's reply to Russia may have been drafted for submission to the council of the elder statesmen and the ministers which is expected to assemble today at the imperial palace.

The Emperor attended by his staff and accompanied by many notables and members of the foreign legations held a brilliant New Year review of the garrison yesterday morning on Aoyama parade at Tokyo.

Bennett Burleigh, the special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in Tokyo, says there is a total force of 10,000 men and ninety-six guns included in the imperial guards and the first division, and adds: "The infantry greatly impressed me with its solid, vigorous and trenchant appearance. The artillery is excellent, but the cavalry horses are poor, being nearly all ponies. The troops carry rifles on their backs in warlike fashion." Mr. Burleigh, referring to the general situation, says: "You may discredit the report that Japan intends to present an ultimatum, and add: 'The infantry greatly impressed me with its solid, vigorous and trenchant appearance. The artillery is excellent, but the cavalry horses are poor, being nearly all ponies. The troops carry rifles on their backs in warlike fashion.'"

The Daily Mail's Chefoo correspondent asserts that in the event of a victorious war, Japan would conclude a treaty with China opening Manchuria to all foreign trade.

The minor items of news this morning is the report that the Russian warship Bariari has arrived at Chemulpo and the statement that the foreign consuls at New Chwang have lodged a protest against the Russian administrator against retaining the streets with Russian names.

In editorial discussions the London morning papers attach great importance, first to the declaration of French policy contained in an interview with the first secretary of the French embassy in London, which statement is held to greatly strengthen the British government's efforts in favor of peace, and secondly to the report of Major Nathan of the British army on the inefficiency of the Siberian railway as likely to have great influence with the Russian government in deciding the ultimate question of peace or war. A writer in the Daily Chronicle contends that Japan's great mistake was her omission to strike last October.

Russian correspondents continue to report extensive military preparations and say that there was a heavy fall on the Russian bourse yesterday.

The Paris correspondent of the Times learns from St. Petersburg that the Russian reply proposes among other things to transfer the seat of negotiations to St. Petersburg, and Japanese newspapers denounce this as a manoeuvre intended to tangle Japan in the web of Russian intrigue. The correspondent adds that riots at Chollado, Korea, are increasing and that the officers of the Japanese steamer Shimo Maru, which left Port Arthur on January 4th, report that there were then eighty warships and three first-class torpedo boats and five battleships outside the harbor. Dredging was proceeding night and day in the eastern portion of the harbor, owing to the breakwater the port is almost ice-bound.

The Times' Calcutta correspondent says that telegraphic instructions have been issued from Japan despatching the further shipment of rice. The correspondent says it is not known whether this is due to the belief in an early outbreak of war or to the possibility of a peaceful settlement, but that local opinion inclines to the former idea.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—The Record tomorrow will say the Japanese government have secured an option on the British cruiser Medjidieh, now being hurried to completion at Cramp's shipyards.

Both the Russian and Japanese governments have been negotiating with the Sultan and an English corporation in Turkey. The latter transactions nearly all of the financial business of Turkey and has practically the control of all the government's cash.

Representatives of Russia and Japan have been working through the Ottoman bank bidding higher and higher as the war fever increased until it is claimed the Japanese offered half a million dollars more than she cost, after which the Russian representatives withdrew.

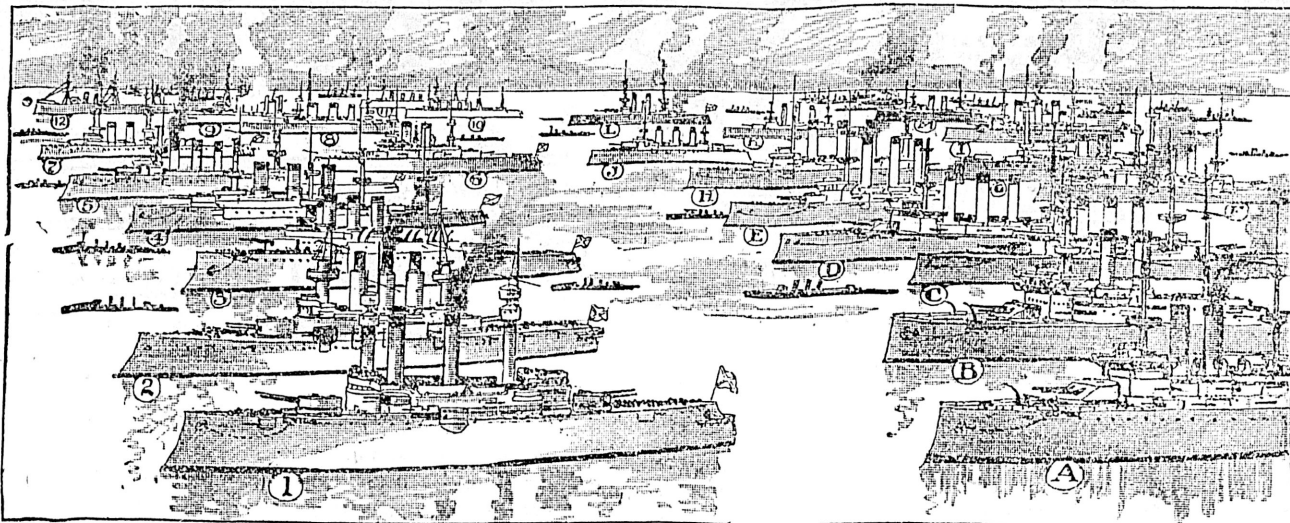
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NAVAL STRENGTH OF RUSSIA and JAPAN in ASIATIC WATERS

will be turned over immediately to Japanese officers, who are awaiting orders from home to proceed to Philadelphia. The Medjidieh on her trial development 22-24 knots. The guns for her have been made in England, and when the sale is made she will proceed to Japan via the Suez canal and the guns will be mounted in the navy yards in Yokohama. When in commission she will be manned by 400 men and will have a battery of 14 guns.

MORE MARINES LANDED.

Colon, Jan. 8.—The remainder of the marines from the United States cruiser Dixie was landed here today and went by train to Bas Obispo. All the marines on the island are in camp at Empire and Bas Obispo. All the warships now patrolling the coast are expected to assemble in the harbor of Colon early next week.

CONSERVATIVES NOMINATED.

St. John, N. B., Jan. 8.—(Special)—The Conservatives had two nominating conventions in the province yesterday, one to nominate a candidate for the federal House from Charlotte county, and the other in thenewly amalgamated counties of Kings and Albert. In the former, G. W. Gammon, the present M. P., was again nominated member for Kings and Albert. George W. Fowler, now M. P. for Kings was chosen. Both conventions were well attended and enthusiastic.

MUCH DYNAMITE EXPLODES.

Mexico, Jan. 8.—At the Los Tuxteles mines, west of Guadalajara, a large number of boxes of dynamite stored in a powder house exploded today, killing twenty men and injuring forty others. The detonations were heard many miles away and an American mine owner working in his mine three miles away was killed by falling rock that had been jarred by the concussion.

PASSENGER TRAIN STRIKES LOADED CAR

Three Railroad Hands Dead in Wreck on B. & O. at Cumberland.

Cumberland, Jan. 8.—Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 4, double headed, ran into a loaded steel car being shunted at Eviets Creek, one mile below Cumberland today. The dead are: S. E. Roberts, engineer, Baltimore; H. P. Kirby, fireman, Baltimore; B. E. Kewlauer, fireman, Eagles Mills, Md. No passengers were hurt. It is claimed that while the freight conductor was in the tower awaiting orders, the engineer began shifting on the main track, contrary to orders, when No. 4 was about due.

ADD THEATRES CLOSED.

Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Mayor Weaver today ordered the Standard theatre to close because of defective insulation of its electric light wires.

TWENTY THOUSAND JAPS.

Prisco Consul May Issue Call for Countrymen's Return to Japan.

San Francisco, Jan. 8.—Mr. U. Yami, the Japan consul, said today that he had as yet received no instructions to issue a call for the services of Japanese who are in California, Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and New Mexico, but he said it might come at any moment. He said there are about 20,000 Japanese in those states. A number of Japanese have sailed for their former homes within the past week and most of them, it is said, will enter the army.

WALL COLLAPSES.

Curious Youth Killed by Falling Ruins at Detroit.

Detroit, Jan. 8.—Charles Dezza, an employee of the Bailey Company, manufacturer of models and art statuary, was seriously, and perhaps fatally, injured by a 60,000 lb. fire in a manufacturing building at Port and Twenty-first streets today. The Bailey Company's loss is \$30,000. Late this afternoon one of the walls of the building collapsed, killing Chester Raymond, a boy who was inspecting the ruins through curiosity and seriously injured John Walpole and John Hoffman.

U. S. POSTAL SCANDALS.

Dismissed Superintendent Enters Heavy Actions for Damages.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Michael W. Lewis, formerly superintendent of the division of supplies in the United States postoffice department, but who was removed October 21 last as a result of the postal investigation, today entered suit for \$50,000 damages against Joseph R. Bristow, the fourth assistant postmaster-general, Henry C. Payne, postmaster-general, and the Washington Post Newspaper Company. The basis of the charge for which damages are asked are extracts from the report of Bristow dealing with the award of contracts on the division of which Lewis was at the head, for ink, ink pads, etc., at alleged excessive prices, etc. Suits of a like character for similar amounts also were brought against the postmaster-general, Mr. Bristow and the Evening Star, and against the postmaster-general, Mr. J. Bristow and the Washington Times.

NAVAL STRENGTH OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Battleships and Armored Cruisers of the Two Nations.

RUSSIAN BATTLESHIPS.

1. Sarevitch.
2. Retvisan.
3. Pobieda.
4. Peresviet.
5. Oslabia.
6. Petropavlovsk.
7. Sevastopol.
8. Poltava.

RUSSIAN ARMORED CRUISERS.

9. Bayn.
10. Rossyui.
11. Gromovoi.
12. Rurik.

JAPANESE BATTLESHIPS.

- A. Asahi.
- B. Mikasa.
- C. Hattusa.
- D. Shikishima.
- E. Yamashiro.
- F. Fuji.
- G. Chin Yen.

JAPANESE ARMORED CRUISERS.

- H. Idzumo.
- I. Iwate.
- J. Yakumo.
- K. Azuma.
- L. Azuma.
- M. Tokiwa.

RELIEFS FOR PANAMA.

Panama, Fla., Jan. 8.—The Minneapolis, Colombia, Yankee and Hartford sailed today for Guatemala, from which point they will proceed to Panama to relieve the vessels now stationed there. The squadron will remain in this port within a month if the situation at Panama will permit.

MR. TAFT'S GENEROSITY.

Washington, Jan. 8.—Referring to the publication in one of the London papers, that Governor Taft while at Tokyo, promised that the attitude of the United States should be friendly to Japanese, in the event of hostilities with Russia, and that Japanese vessels should be accorded special privileges in the Philippine ports, it is said at the American state and war departments that it is certain that he did not commit the United States government to any policy. He has no authority to do so.

LOW-CUT GOWNS TABOOED.

Pope Expresses Desire Concerning Decollete at Certain Receptions.

Rome, Jan. 8.—Members of the "Black Society," an organization composed of the faithful of the holy see, are much disturbed over the announcement that the Pope has written to the Portuguese ambassador expressing the desire that the ladies should wear low-cut gowns at receptions attended by cardinals and other prelates.

AMERICANIZING CUBA.

Havana, Jan. 8.—The first primaries preparatory to the election of half the members of congress and of provisional commander, were held today. In Cienfuegos partisan feeling developed a disturbance, during which several shots were fired and one or more persons wounded. The disturbances were caused by a party of radicals who were armed with machettes. The police fired on the party, and it is reported the leader was wounded.

MRS. MAYBRICK'S RELEASE.

Ambassador Choate Denies Rumor of Prisoner's Liberation in April.

London, Jan. 8.—United States Ambassador Choate said to the Associated Press today that there was absolutely no truth in the story published by a news agency that at a conference held by the United States and officers of the Home Office final arrangements were made for the release of Mrs. Maybrick, who has been sentenced to imprisonment for life for poisoning her husband, and that as a result of this conference Mrs. Maybrick would be liberated in April.

BANK CLEARINGS.

New York Jan. 8.—The following are some of the weekly clearings, as compiled by Bradstreet for the week ending January 7th, with percentages of increase and decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year: Montreal \$1,741,253, decrease 24 per cent; Toronto \$18,781,869, increase 198; Winnipeg \$5,916,000, increase 3.1; Halifax \$1,814,130, decrease 20; Ottawa \$1,749,145, decrease 28 per cent; Vancouver for mainland of British Columbia \$1,234,751, increase 14.7 per cent; Quebec \$1,216,333, decrease 21.2; Hamilton \$1,279,096, increase 12.3; St. John, N. B. \$1,051,346, decrease 37.4; London \$741,129, increase 26.4; London, Ont. \$1,125,235, decrease 4.7.

SAFETY OF THEATRES.

St. Louis Censors Licenses Pending Granting of Certificates.

St. Louis, Jan. 8.—Notice was served on the management of seven theatres in St. Louis today by the license collector that their licenses would be revoked and they would be required to secure new licenses based on certificates from the building commissioner's office that they had complied with the city ordinances in the matter of safeguarding against fire before being allowed to continue giving performances.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Building Commissioner Williams today received reports that of sixty-three buildings examined yesterday, only five needed no change to conform with the law. These five were allowed to remain open, but the others were ordered closed.

The armories of the First, Second and Seventh Regiments of Illinois National Guards were today ordered closed by Commissioner Williams. The armories were found not to be complying with the city ordinances.

SMALLPOX PREVALENT.

Seventy-Five Country Schools Closed on Account of Disease.

Washington, Jan. 8.—On account of the prevalence of smallpox the seventy-five schools in Morris Centre, Richhill, East and West Finley have been closed indefinitely. The disease appeared several weeks ago in Green county and scarcely a family in the village is free from the disease. Other communities soon became infected.

SAN DOMINGO.

Washington, Jan. 8.—The United States navy department today received the following cablegram from Commander Dillingham of the cruiser Detroit, dated at Puerto Plata, San Domingo, January 5th: "Morales' gunboats delivered ultimatum and threatened bombardment of Puerto Plata after 24 hours' notice. With conference of Capt. Robinson, of the English cruiser Pallas, made such representations to both sides that they have agreed, the one not to bombard and the other not to fire on gunboats. All fighting will be confined to land side of town in future. United States interests secured."

MURDERER'S FREAK IDEA.

Minneapolis, Jan. 8.—James Garfield last night locked the door of his flat in the third story of the building opposite the West hotel on Fifth street, and told his wife he meant to kill her. Then he telephoned a friend to "hold the line and listen." The friend heard the woman's screams and three revolver shots. He notified the police, who broke open the door and found Garfield dying with a bullet wound in the chest. She was dead. She was a vaudeville artist known as Pearl Gayotte.

THEATRICAL.

A splendid production of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night," the most delightful of all his comedies, will be presented at the Victoria next Monday evening with Miss Marie Wainwright as Viola. An all-star cast is said to comprise the support of this famous actress, for all Shakespeare's plays, "Twelfth Night" is the richest in its diversity of characters. Viola is in so far the heroine of the piece, as the whole play originates with and is kept in motion by her and her disguise. And



MARIE WAINWRIGHT
as "VIOLA" in "TWELFTH NIGHT."

yet her character is given in light touches and delicate colors, and is composed of but a few simple elements. It consists, so to say, only in the apparent contradiction between a tender, gentle, sensitive, longing heart, while being deeply skilled in the science of love, retires in maidenly shyness within itself, and a bold, witty and imaginative mind that whispers to her all kinds of mischievous ideas, which she voluntarily follows from her innate pleasure in romance and in what is fantastic.

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FULL COURT.

Yesterday the Full court dealt with the following cases: Currie vs. Van Ande Copper Co. Appeal dismissed.

Miller vs. Averill. Appeal allowed.

The court adjourned yesterday afternoon until Monday morning at 11 o'clock. The first case to be taken up will be that of Plath vs. Grand Forks & Kettle River Valley Railway Company.

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BRITISH MUSEUM LIBRARY CATALOGUE

Provincial Library Now Possesses Copy of Biggest Catalogue on Earth.

Mr. E. O. S. Scholefield, provincial librarian, some time ago wrote Sir Henry Maunde Thompson, librarian of the British Museum Library, London, enquiring if he might, on behalf of the provincial library, apply for a copy of the British Museum catalogue of printed books. By return of post came a polite and exhaustive reply, in which Sir Henry, in a most interesting manner, detailed the history of the catalogue, and promised to remit by the earliest carriage a copy of the work.

Yesterday Mr. Scholefield received the catalogue, and it took a day to fetch it to the provincial library, for it consists of fifty fat quarto volumes, and came packed in a heavily-built case. The value of the catalogue in England is £81; or \$401.72 at the current rate of exchange which is \$4.85 per pound sterling.

Over and above this, however, is the fact that the presentation of this monumental work is made only in very special cases, so that Mr. Scholefield's enterprise in soliciting and obtaining the catalogue reflects much credit upon him. This addition to the provincial library will prove of inestimable value to many students and others who know how to use it. The fifty ponderous volumes, with their closely-printed pages of title, their scientifically classified and embracing in their scope the titles of books on every conceivable phase of human thought and activity, are now safely ensconced on the shelves of the provincial library.

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BORN.

SMITH—At Alderbank, Albera, B. C., on January 4th, the wife of A. L. Smith, Government Agent, of a son.

DIED.

BLAQUIERE—At St. Joseph's Hospital, on the 7th inst., Matthew Edward Blaquiére, aged 70 years, and a native of Valparaiso, Chile.

The funeral will take place today at 8:45 from the parlors of W. J. Hanna, and the Roman Catholic Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Friends will please accept this intimation. No flowers.

FLETT—At the residence of her son-in-law, Bangs, at 1200 Desford street, on the 7th inst., Charlotte Jane, widow of the late James Flett, formerly of Duncan, B. C.

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MEETINGS.

A meeting of Mr. Redfern's supporters will be held this evening, January 9th, at eight o'clock, at the Pioneer Hall, Broad Street, to make final arrangements for the election, when he will be glad to meet as many of his friends as can make it convenient to attend.

NOTICE

The proof of the pudding is in the eating. If you have not eaten of it, the next best evidence is what the fellow says who did eat of it.

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The Mayoralty

To the Electors of the City of Victoria:

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This is where the unusual happens again. Clearing out our Winter Underwear and Hosiery just at the height of the season and making prices so tempting that few can resist buying. This morning (Saturday) at 9 o'clock these clearing prices take effect.

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CASHMERE HOSE	UNDERWEAR
Women's All Wool Cashmere Hose, in Plain and Ribbed Style, with double heels and toes. Regular values 35c. and 40c. a pair. Our Sale Price Today 30c	Women's Ribbed Wool Vest and Drawers, also our special push lined Underwear for women. Regular value 40c. Our Sale Price Today 40c
CASHMERE HOSE	UNDERWEAR
Women's Extra Special Fast Black Cashmere Hose, Ribbed and Plain, with double heels and toes. Regular value 50c. a pair. Our Sale Price Today 35c	Women's All Wool Ribbed Underwear, vests and drawers, extra fine quality, and well finished. Regular value 45c. each. Our Sale Price Today 45c

All Friday Bargains Repeated to-day owing to the wet weather yesterday
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Local News.

This Saturday afternoon the big doll drawn for at The People's Store, 88½ Douglas street, will be awarded, and the little beauty will take its flight and the places that now know it shall know it no more forever.

Return Thanks.—Mr. and Mrs. Allison, who were the victims of the disastrous gasoline explosion at their dye house on Yates street recently, have now left the hospital and extend thanks to the many friends who assisted them in their hour of need.

Federal Elections.—Much activity prevails in local Liberal circles and there is every indication of an early federal appeal to the electorate. Much campaign literature by both the great parties is being sent out and there is every indication of a hot contest.

Paardberg Day.—According to present arrangements No. 2 Company, Fifth Regiment, is to furnish the square for the part in the Paardberg Day celebration. All members of the company are expected to attend the meeting after drill on Tuesday evening next.

Municipal Campaign.—A meeting of Mr. Redfern's supporters will be held at the Pioneer hall, this evening at 8 o'clock to make final arrangements for the election, when he will be glad to meet as many of his supporters as can make it convenient to attend. J. W. Bollen, a well-known labor leader, has announced his candidature for the position of school trustee.

Honeymoon Here.—Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Gottlander of Portland, Ore., are spending a few days of their honeymoon in Victoria. Both are charmed with the city and its surroundings and express regret that they will be unable to make an extended visit. Mr. Gottlander was formerly of New York, only recently moving to Oregon. His bride is the daughter of a prominent family of Portland. While here Mr. and Mrs. Gottlander are at the Dominion.

Local Japanese Ready.—It is believed that there are quite a number—perhaps 100—of Mikado's army and navy reservists in Western Canada anxiously awaiting from their country's consul the word which will send them back to Japan. This, of course, may come at any time, and not a few veterans of battles of former's making arrangements for departure at a moment's notice. Some of these are in Victoria and they seem impatient to have a whack at what they regard as their hereditary foe.

Surplus of Pupils.—F. H. Eaton, city superintendent of schools, estimates that 125 new pupils have been enrolled in the schools. This is a large increase over the opening of the term in midwinter and has only been surpassed at the commencement of midsummer terms, when a total of 135 has been recorded. The board will have to face the question of the opening of the term in its pristine urgency. There are now sufficient pupils attending the Central school for twenty-two classrooms, and there are only twenty.

Attempted Suicide.—A man named Donald Ferguson, engaged in getting out ties near Ladysmith for the E. & N. railway, made a deliberate attempt at suicide yesterday morning. He did his best to cut his throat with a razor, but was prevented by friends. Failing in this he threw himself in front of a coal train. The coventer of the engine struck him on the back and neck, inflicting a nasty wound, and throwing him clear of the track. He is now in the hospital at Chemainus. He will be prosecuted.

Island Mining Deal.—A controlling interest in the Mount Sicker & Brenton Mining Company has been purchased by Eastern capitalists. The sum involved is \$500,000, and the deal was consummated the other day after lengthy negotiations by J. H. Brownlee, who, together with Dr. Young of Atlin, is acting on behalf of the purchasers. Immediate steps will be taken to ascertain the condition of the property. It is Mr. Brownlee's intention to make a thorough examination, for which purpose he will leave for Mount Sicker today. A report will be submitted and future operations will depend a great deal on his character.

The Freight Problem.—Local merchants who are much interested in a dispatch from San Francisco, which says "Large freight shippers of this city are making strenuous objections to many of the advances in rates the railroads are to put into effect on west-bound freight on January 15th. There is an advance of about ten per cent in the rates on about a hundred articles. Owing to the protest of the shippers the proposed increase in the rate on east iron pipe from 35 cents per hundred pounds to 75 cents has been rescinded. The shippers want the railroads to take similar action on about ten or eleven other commodities. The railroads decided today to refuse this request."

Drill Hall Tonight.—The young ladies' basketball match between the Victoria and Westminster teams, to be played during the band concert at the Drill hall this evening, promises to be one of the most interesting events of the season, not only by reason of the fact that the match is of an inter-city character, but also on account of the keen spirit of rivalry existing between the two organizations. The game has been postponed from the Royal City came over on the steamer Charnier last evening and are registered at the Vernon. During the evening they were entertained by the young ladies of the home club at the residence of Mrs. D. M. Hosker. The game this evening will be played in part one of the programme. His Worship Mayor MacCallum has kindly consented to toss the ball at 8:35 o'clock. After the game a banquet will be tendered the visiting team by the home club.

Wet Prospects.—Pugnet Sound weather bureau forecast weather for the remainder of January.

Legislature Opens.—At 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, 11th inst., the British Columbia legislature will resume its labors after the Christmas vacation.

The Missing Man.—David Ferguson's whereabouts are still a mystery in spite of the reward offered for any information concerning him, dead or alive.

Week of Prayer.—The concluding meeting of the week of prayer was held in the Congregational church last night. Rev. Dr. Campbell in the chair. Addresses were given by Dr. Bolton and Rev. Archibald Ewing on the "Progress and Prospects of the Church."

Home Nursing Society.—At the regular meeting of the Home Nursing Association Mrs. Jenkins was appointed a delegate to attend the conference on tuberculosis to be held in Victoria on January 20th. Mrs. Green received cordial thanks for the present to the society of a baby buggy.

Important Meeting.—The quarterly meeting of No. 5 Company, Fifth Regiment, will be held in the Drill hall on Monday, January 11th, at 8:30 p. m. The secretary-treasurer wishes every member to attend this meeting without fail as some very important business will be brought forward.

Called Home.—An old and respected pioneer passed away yesterday in the person of Mr. M. E. Blaquiere, who came here in 1862. He leaves no relations, with the exception of a nephew, Mr. E. J. Blaquiere, in this city. The funeral is arranged to take place from the parlors of W. J. Hanna this morning at 9 o'clock.

Now Convalescent.—The friends of Mr. W. H. Croghan of the H. H. school, will be pleased to hear that he is well on the way to recovery. Mr. Croghan has been rather seriously ill for some time past, but under the surveillance of Dr. Carter and kind nursing it is hoped that he may be able to be around again with his friends in a very few days.

Cadet Corps.—Thursday afternoon Trustees of the Victoria High school, in the interest of the proposed cadet corps and announced the latest noted change in the regulations governing the enrolling of the boys. Sergt.-Major Mitchell, who accompanied Mr. Croghan and who takes a keen interest in the movement, put the youngsters, or as many as could spare the time, through a few preliminary movements.

Veterans' Association.—The annual meeting of the Veterans' Association of Vancouver Island, for the election of officers and receiving the financial report for the past year, and other business, will be held in the Pioneer hall, Douglas street, on Tuesday evening next, 12th January, at 8 o'clock p. m. This meeting is of much importance, as the question of arranging various matters for the coming year will be started. There is considerable diversity of opinion on matters affecting the association which requires every member to make a supreme effort to attend. It is, therefore, hoped that all veterans who have paid their dues, at least for 1903, will do their utmost to be present.

Very Jolly.—Last evening in the church hall, the annual Christmas entertainment of the Reformed Episcopal church took place and was a great success. The hall was filled from the plate form to the outer doors with happy children, their parents, and friends. Tasteful decorations and a big Christmas tree gave the hall a very gay appearance. The proceedings consisted of the presentation of the annual report, regular attendance, then came songs, recitations, tableaux and a chorus from the "Daughters' Festival," sung by young ladies of the church. After this Santa Claus in person distributed the presents from the tree to the children amidst great merriment.

Sunday's Colonist.—Tomorrow's issue of this paper will be more than usually interesting. Among the special features will be the verbatim report of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain's speech at Leeds, closing for the time being his tour of the country in the fiscal campaign. The speech is an epitome of all the arguments for and against the tariff reduction which have developed since Mr. Chamberlain started his present campaign and will doubtless be read with great interest by all. "H. W. H." also contributes one of his intensely interesting recollections besides, "John's Journal" of facts and fancies for the fair sex is among the other gaudy and noteworthy contents of the edition.

Native Sons' Hall.—On Thursday evening a ball committee of Native Sons Society, Post No. 1, has arranged to hold the annual ball on Friday evening, February 5th, in Assembly hall, Fort street. Following are the officers and committees: Chairman, Arthur E. Haynes; treasurer, S. Sea, jr.; supper committee, Jos. E. Wilson, Chas. F. Gardiner, Jos. A. Douglas, W. A. Lawson and W. H. Langley; band and decoration, The Watson and general committee, printing and advertising, A. E. Haynes and S. Sea, jr.; music, Jas. Fletcher and A. E. Haynes; reception, G. H. Barnard, D. R. Ker, W. H. Langley, J. A. Douglas, J. P. Hibbert, Dr. J. D. Henneken, J. S. Yates and officers of the society.

SIDNEY SAW MILL.
Once More in Operation—Missionary Services Next Sunday.
Sidney saw mill has again commenced operations and the merry buzz of the saw is daily heard. Yesterday a large shipment of lumber, nearly 100,000 feet, left for Hongkong. Under the present management things ought to go ahead and the mill become a paying investment to all concerned.

The Rev. James Turner, president of the British Columbia Methodist conference, will visit the coast and will preach twice on the Sunday mission next Sunday at 11 a. m. Strawberry Vale, and 3 p. m. at South Saanich. The public schools have opened with a good attendance of pupils. The mild weather has caused the flowers to blossom in the gardens. Pansies, primroses, daisies and roses are seen adorning some of the homes.

Mr. J. J. White is re-fixing the store front on the corner of the Sanich mission. Mr. Critchley has moved into new quarters in the village.

IN CHAMBERS.
Mr. Justice Martin presided in chambers yesterday, when the following cases were determined:
Leadbeater vs. Crow's Nest; application to add party. Stands over to come on after hearing of appeal, S. S. Taylor for plaintiff; E. P. Davis for defendant.
Lamb vs. Crow's Nest; same as foregoing case.
Centre Star vs. East Le Roi; same as foregoing case.

Rex vs. Chin Toy application for bail. Application refused. Maclean for plaintiff; Davis for defendant.
Re estate John McSweeney; application for examination of W. T. Andrews. Order made. Robertson for plaintiff; Davis, Sayward vs. Buchanan; for change of name. First on list, Saturday, 9th inst. Gregory for plaintiffs; Wootton for defendant.
Allen vs. Allen, as to trial. Order made. Trial fixed for February sittings, first on list, Elliott for plaintiff.
Re McMillan infants; petition for leave to move outside jurisdiction. Second on list, Saturday. Helyea for applicants.

MOTIONS.
Mr. Justice Martin also dealt with the following motions:
Northern Counties, etc., vs. Stelly et al; final order for foreclosure. Order absolute. Pooley for plaintiff.

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A special vating of the cream of Old Highland Whiskies. Matured for many years in Sherry Wood before being bottled.

Warm Times

In Cold Storage

Sheriff Richards Orders Bailiff
Siddall Arrested for Alleged Obstruction.

Cold Storage Warehouse Scene
of Some Very Interesting Doings.

Sheriff Frank G. Richards charges Hinkson Siddall, bailiff, with obstructing him in the execution of his duty. The case will be tried in the city police court this morning or Monday. The dispute arose on the following grounds: Mr. Siddall, acting under instructions from Mr. James Dunsmuir, landlord and owner of the premises occupied by the British Columbia Cold Storage Company, Store street, took possession of the premises under power of a warrant of distress for rent on Thursday. Mr. Siddall left a representative in charge of the premises, and went to dinner. During his absence Sheriff Richards appeared on the scene, armed with a Star revolver, and ordered him to leave the goods and chattels therein and thereon, on behalf of the Sinclair Provision Company. Sheriff Richards also left an assistant in charge, after formally seizing the premises. The doors were all securely fastened and when Mr. Siddall returned from dinner he could not get into the building. After some consultation a door was smashed in and Mr. Siddall entered. He and his assistant tried to persuade the sheriff's man to go away, but in vain.

Mr. Siddall remained on the premises till the arrival of the sheriff, who ordered him out. Mr. Siddall refused to budge, claiming priority of right, entry and possession. Mr. Richards then sent for a policeman and ordered him to take the bailiff in charge. Mr. Siddall offered a mild resistance while being ejected from the building. His legal adviser was speedily on the scene, and after some further consultation Mr. Siddall was driven to the city lock-up a back. He was released after a short detention.

Meanwhile the sheriff's man and the bailiff's man remained on the premises, and as Mr. Siddall's man had long vigil, it was decided by counsel to provide him with some nourishment. The first consignment of food was allowed to pass by the sheriff, and was greatly enjoyed by the guard. The shades of night were falling fast, and also the temperature of the cold storage warehouse. After dark it got exceedingly cold inside the teeth of the rival guards chattered like castles accompanying a Spanish fan dance; the poor fellows looked forward to a long polar night unrelieved by any warming pans or even blankets.

Mr. Siddall's man, however, was rescued from an unprotected night in cold storage without suffering by the arrival of two fine, warm blankets. The sheriff refused, however, to allow any more food to be sent in for the sustenance of the bailiff's man in possession. He is now curled himself up in his blankets and soon was snoring all the popular airs of dreamland. The sheriff's man had no blankets, and it is alleged that the bailiff's man refused to share his nighties with his fellow guard.

Yesterday morning the unfortunate gentlemen were let out of cold storage, and the case will now proceed to the regular legal test of the courts. The case is exciting a good deal of interest, and the contest will be watched with considerable curiosity.

Women's Council.—On Monday afternoon, the 11th inst., at 2:30 o'clock the adjourned meeting of the Women's Council will be held in the city hall.

Clearance Sale.—Special bargains are advertised for today by Campbell's Ladies' Outfitting Emporium, Fort street, in Ladies' Underwear, Hosiery, Jackets and Skirts. See their advertisement on 5th page for their sale prices.

The income of the B. C. Permanent Loan & Savings Company for December, 1903, was greatly in excess for any previous month in the history of the company, the total amount being \$86,000.80, including monthly payments of borrowers and class "C" members, also receipts from the sale of "Full Paid" stocks and debentures. The above amount is over \$12,000 higher than any former month and about \$30,000 ahead of the same month in 1902. The income for the year 1903 amounted to about three-quarters of a million dollars. The usual half-yearly dividends will be declared in a few days.

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Get one of the local views given free to every purchaser at Weiler Bros., Government street.

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Public Notice

On and after today, Monday, 4th January Mrs. M. A. Farrington's Cut Flower Store and Office, 104 Government street, will be closed. All cut flowers for Floral Designs, Cut Flowers and Plants, will be promptly attended to if left at Dixie H. Ross & Co's Store, or at the Greenhouse, Esquimalt road (Fairview Nursery). Orders promptly delivered to any part of city. Phone 219.

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We are having a clearance sale of Golf Clubs, preparatory to taking stock, and offer any Club in our store for

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This is an opportunity that should not be missed.

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\$1.25 Health Vest for 90c
50c. Heavy Vest for 25c
60c. Heavy Vest for 35c
90c. Heavy Vest for 50c

Hosiery

35c. Boys' School Hose.
Sale Price.....20c
60c. Boys' Heavy Wool
Stockings. Sale Price 45c
Ladies' and Children's
equally reduced.

Jackets

French Novelty Coats at
\$25.00 to \$40.00. Sale
Price.....\$15.00

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Bargains in Children's School Shoes.
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All felt and warm lined goods must be sold this month, regardless of price or profit.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

New York, Jan. 8.—There was a dull and inactive market today, without sensational and without marked features. An easier feeling over the far Eastern outlook, and the promise of a large replenishment of bank reserves to be shown by tomorrow's bank statement, were the impelling causes of the slow rise. The best prices of the day were made in the last hour and the closing was fairly steady and near the top.

Actual news of the war situation were meagre, and there was no deep seated conviction that hostilities would be overtaken, but the possibility of a quick change in the situation induced great caution in trading on any assumption that war was inevitable.

Money was very easy today for all forms of loans and call money became almost a drug in the market at 2 per cent, a condition not seen on a Friday for many months past.

The speculation in Annuities continued very active and the stock market rebounded from early depression to 1 1/2 per cent last night.

United States Steel was largely traded in and lifted a point, and hopeful feeling was expressed of the outlook in the trade and character of the buying of the stock.

The special strength of Baltimore & Ohio was due to a report that application had been made to list the stock on the Berlin bourse. The bond market was dull and irregular. Total value per sales, \$1,615,000.

New York, Jan. 8.—The following were the closing bids on the Stock Exchange today:

Amalgamated Copper	100
American Locomotive	17 1/2
American Automobile	70 1/2
American Sugar	12 1/2
American Smelting & Refining Co.	48 1/2
American Can & Foundry	18 1/2
American Mill & Lumber Co.	10 1/2
Aetna, Topeka & Santa Fe	6 1/2
Aetna, Topeka & Santa Fe	80
Baltimore & Ohio	78 1/2
British India Transatlantic	35
Chicago & Alton	29 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	117
Chesapeake & Ohio	32 1/2
Chicago & Northwestern	108
Colorado Southern	17 1/2
Colorado Southern	57
Consolidated Gas, New York	102
Colorado Fuel & Iron	119 1/2
New York Central	109 1/2
New York Central 1st pfd.	68
New York Central 2nd pfd.	38 1/2
New York, Ontario & Western	21 1/2
Norfolk & Western	117 1/2
Pennsylvania Railway	117 1/2
People's Gas	90
Philadelphia & Reading	44 1/2
Philadelphia & Reading 1st pfd.	21 1/2
Reading	22 1/2
Southern Railway	19 1/2
Iowa Central	27 1/2
Kansas & Texas	15
Kansas & Texas	39 1/2
Louisville & Nashville	107 1/2
Manhattan Elevated	142 1/2
Missouri Pacific	57 1/2
St. P. & S. M.	121 1/2
Metropolitan Traction	78 1/2
Metropolitan Traction pfd.	38 1/2
Southern Pacific	25 1/2
Texas & Pacific	7 1/2
United States Leather	70 1/2
United States Leather pfd.	50 1/2
United States Steel	60 1/2
United States Steel pfd.	12
United States Rubber	78 1/2
Union Pacific	80 1/2
Union Pacific pfd.	30 1/2
Wabash	30 1/2
Wabash pfd.	30 1/2
Western Union	87 1/2
Wisconsin Central	17 1/2
Wisconsin Central pfd.	12 1/2
C. P. & R. in London	120 1/2
Commercial Cable	17 1/2

New York, Jan. 8.—Money on call, highest 2 1/2 per cent; lowest, 2 1/4 per cent; ruling rate, 2 1/2 per cent; last loan, 2 per cent; closing bid, 1 1/2 per cent; time loans, easy at 4 1/2 to 4 3/4 per cent for all dates.

New York, Jan. 8.—Prime mercantile paper, 5 to 5 1/4 per cent; sterling exchange, bid at \$4.81, 1/2 to \$4.85 for demand, and at \$4.85, to \$4.90 for 30 day bills; post office rates, \$4.81, 1/2 to \$4.85 for demand, and at \$4.85, to \$4.90 for 30 day bills; bar silver, 57 1/2; Mexican dollars, 43 1/2; government bonds, steady; railroad bonds, irregular.

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The following were the closing prices of futures on the Board of Trade today: Wheat, Jan. 8, 85 1/2; May, 87 1/2; July, 88 1/2; Sept., 89 1/2; Corn, Jan. 8, 47 1/2; May, 48 1/2; July, 49 1/2; Sept., 50 1/2; Soybean, Jan. 8, 11 1/2; May, 12 1/2; July, 13 1/2; Sept., 14 1/2; Pork, Jan. 8, 11 1/2; May, 12 1/2; July, 13 1/2; Sept., 14 1/2; Lard, Jan. 8, 11 1/2; May, 12 1/2; July, 13 1/2; Sept., 14 1/2.

London, Jan. 8.—Lead, 41 1/2 to 42. Tin, 115 to 116. Copper, 112 to 113. Silver, 108 to 109. Gold, 105 to 106. Wheat, 48 to 49. Corn, 47 to 48. Soybean, 11 to 12. Pork, 11 to 12. Lard, 11 to 12.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS. (B. F. W. Stevenson.)

Chicago, Jan. 8.—The following quotations ruled on the Board of Trade today:

Wheat—80 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 85 1/2, 86 1/2, 87 1/2, 88 1/2, 89 1/2, 90 1/2, 91 1/2, 92 1/2, 93 1/2, 94 1/2, 95 1/2, 96 1/2, 97 1/2, 98 1/2, 99 1/2, 100 1/2, 101 1/2, 102 1/2, 103 1/2, 104 1/2, 105 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2, 108 1/2, 109 1/2, 110 1/2, 111 1/2, 112 1/2, 113 1/2, 114 1/2, 115 1/2, 116 1/2, 117 1/2, 118 1/2, 119 1/2, 120 1/2, 121 1/2, 122 1/2, 123 1/2, 124 1/2, 125 1/2, 126 1/2, 127 1/2, 128 1/2, 129 1/2, 130 1/2, 131 1/2, 132 1/2, 133 1/2, 134 1/2, 135 1/2, 136 1/2, 137 1/2, 138 1/2, 139 1/2, 140 1/2, 141 1/2, 142 1/2, 143 1/2, 144 1/2, 145 1/2, 146 1/2, 147 1/2, 148 1/2, 149 1/2, 150 1/2, 151 1/2, 152 1/2, 153 1/2, 154 1/2, 155 1/2, 156 1/2, 157 1/2, 158 1/2, 159 1/2, 160 1/2, 161 1/2, 162 1/2, 163 1/2, 164 1/2, 165 1/2, 166 1/2, 167 1/2, 168 1/2, 169 1/2, 170 1/2, 171 1/2, 172 1/2, 173 1/2, 174 1/2, 175 1/2, 176 1/2, 177 1/2, 178 1/2, 179 1/2, 180 1/2, 181 1/2, 182 1/2, 183 1/2, 184 1/2, 185 1/2, 186 1/2, 187 1/2, 188 1/2, 189 1/2, 190 1/2, 191 1/2, 192 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WHEN SHE LISTENED.

"I once said an entire sentence to my wife without her interrupting me," said Mr. P. P. P.

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PROCEEDINGS IN THE WILL CASE

Dr. Gardiner's Cross-Examination Occupies the Whole of Yesterday.

The Supreme court trial of Hopper vs. Dunsinuir was resumed yesterday morning before Mr. Justice Drake.

The cross-examination of Dr. Gardiner took all day and the case did not rise until 4:30 in the afternoon.

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Men's Suits
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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FUTURE

By HENRY BROADHURST, M. P.

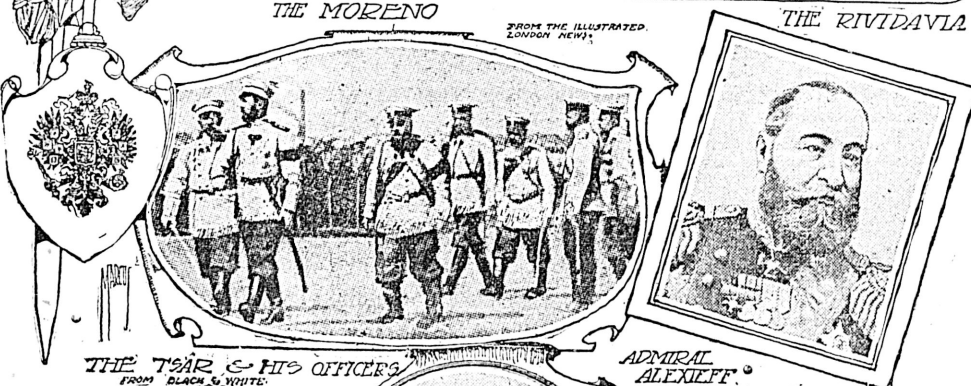
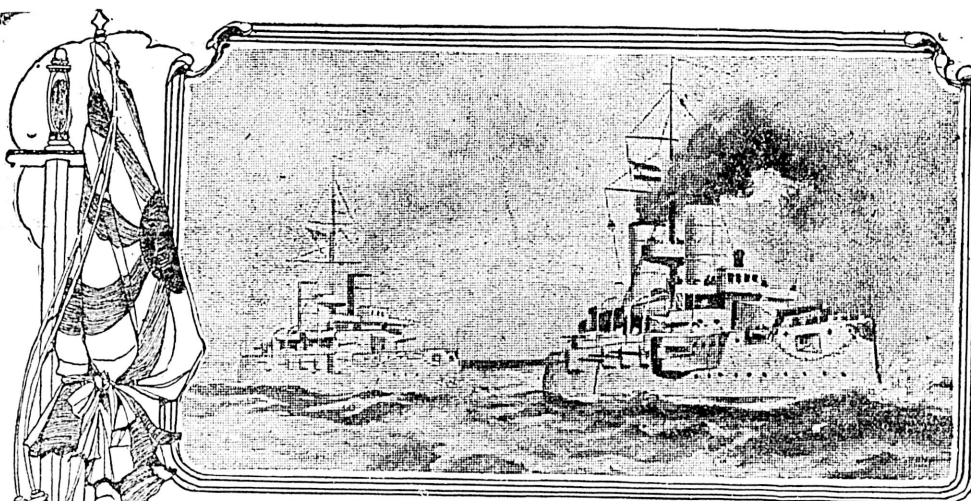
By way of introduction to a consideration of this subject it may not be out of order to trace briefly the development of the administration of public affairs in England. From the feudalism of the Middle Ages, through the reign of Henry II., the reign of Edward I., the reign of Edward III., the reign of Richard II., the reign of Henry IV., the reign of Henry V., the reign of Henry VI., the reign of Edward IV., the reign of Richard III., the reign of Henry VII., the reign of Henry VIII., the reign of Edward VI., the reign of Mary I., the reign of Elizabeth I., the reign of James I., the reign of Charles I., the reign of Charles II., the reign of James II., the reign of William III., the reign of Anne II., the reign of George I., the reign of George II., the reign of George III., the reign of George IV., the reign of William IV., the reign of Victoria, the reign of Edward VII., the reign of George V., the reign of Edward VIII., the reign of George VI., the reign of Elizabeth II., the reign of Charles III., the reign of Charles IV., the reign of Charles V., the reign of Charles VI., the reign of Charles VII., the reign of Charles VIII., the reign of Charles IX., the reign of Charles X., the reign of Charles XI., the reign of Charles XII., the reign of Charles XIII., the reign of Charles XIV., the reign of Charles XV., the reign of Charles XVI., the reign of Charles XVII., the reign of Charles XVIII., the reign of Charles XIX., the reign of Charles XX., the reign of Charles XXI., the reign of Charles XXII., the reign of Charles XXIII., the reign of Charles XXIV., the reign of Charles XXV., the reign of Charles XXVI., the reign of Charles XXVII., the reign of Charles XXVIII., the reign of Charles XXIX., the reign of Charles XXX., the reign of Charles XXXI., the reign of Charles XXXII., the reign of Charles XXXIII., the reign of Charles XXXIV., the reign of Charles XXXV., the reign of Charles XXXVI., the reign of Charles XXXVII., the reign of Charles XXXVIII., the reign of Charles XXXIX., the reign of Charles XL., the reign of Charles XLI., the reign of Charles XLII., the reign of Charles XLIII., the reign of Charles XLIV., the reign of Charles XLV., the reign of Charles XLVI., the reign of Charles XLVII., the reign of Charles XLVIII., the reign of Charles XLIX., the reign of Charles L., the reign of Charles LI., the reign of Charles LII., the reign of Charles LIII., the reign of Charles LIV., the reign of Charles LV., the reign of Charles LVI., the reign of Charles LVII., the reign of Charles LVIII., the reign of Charles LVIX., the reign of Charles LX., the reign of Charles LXI., the reign of Charles LXII., the reign of Charles LXIII., the reign of Charles LXIV., the reign of Charles LXV., the reign of Charles LXVI., the reign of Charles LXVII., the reign of Charles LXVIII., the reign of Charles LXIX., the reign of Charles LXX., the reign of Charles LXXI., the reign of Charles LXXII., the reign of Charles LXXIII., the reign of Charles LXXIV., the reign of Charles LXXV., the reign of Charles LXXVI., the reign of Charles LXXVII., the reign of Charles LXXVIII., the reign of Charles LXXIX., the reign of Charles LXXX., the reign of Charles LXXXI., the reign of Charles LXXXII., the reign of Charles LXXXIII., the reign of Charles LXXXIV., the reign of Charles LXXXV., the reign of Charles LXXXVI., the reign of Charles LXXXVII., the reign of Charles LXXXVIII., the reign of Charles LXXXIX., the reign of Charles LXXXX., the reign of Charles LXXXXI., the reign of Charles LXXXXII., the reign of Charles LXXXXIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXIV., the reign of Charles LXXXXV., the reign of Charles LXXXXVI., the reign of Charles LXXXXVII., the reign of Charles LXXXXVIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXIX., the reign of Charles LXXXXX., the reign of Charles LXXXXXI., the reign of Charles LXXXXXII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXIV., the reign of Charles LXXXXXV., the reign of Charles LXXXXXVI., the reign of Charles LXXXXXVII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXVIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXIX., the reign of Charles LXXXXXX., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXI., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXIV., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXV., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXVI., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXVII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXVIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXIX., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXX., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXI., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXIV., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXV., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXVI., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXVII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXVIII., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXXIX., the reign of Charles LXXXXXXX.

FROM DESPOTISM TO DEMOCRACY.

Henry Tudor established that personal rule which we know as Despotism. The great baronial houses had been impoverished, not destroyed in the long Civil War; the "Commons" were dispirited; Henry VII. acknowledged the parliament as a means of enriching the Crown; and for the time parliament was content with a subservient position. The succeeding Tudors sought with more or less success to strengthen the Absolutism that the first of their line had set up; but the parliament lay in waiting, quiet and unassuming, ready for use when the national conscience should be aroused. The awakening began in the days of Henry VIII.; it assumed larger proportions during the reign of Elizabeth; and with Charles I. on the throne the storm burst. Absolutism was cast down at the same time that Charles tragically lost his head. Oliver Cromwell crushed it; and though it attempted a revival with the Restoration, the Revolution forever made Despotism in the British impossible.

Upon Absolutism followed Oligarchy.

JAPAN'S NEW WARSHIPS



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Scene Being Played in the Iroquois Theater When Fire Started.

JOBS FOR JUDGES

MR. JUSTICE MARTIN, IN CANADIAN LAW TIMES.

In the Canadian Law Times of Toronto Mr. Justice Martin, of Victoria, B.C., speaks out plainly in reprobation of the practice indulged in by the Liberal Government at Ottawa in providing what are popularly known as "jobs for judges." Just as Martin backs up the stand recently taken by J. S. Ewart, K.C., of Winnipeg, in the following terms:

"Sir,—Speaking as a judge, I have always welcomed from any source fair and temperate criticism of matters relating to the bench, and I have not only endeavored to profit by it, but have felt indebted to those who wrote or spoke in the spirit above mentioned, just as on the other hand, I have ignored the rash and irresponsible utterances of those who were as recklessly astray in their facts as they were violent in their language."

It is for this reason that the bench sits and not merely the public, is indebted to Mr. J. S. Ewart, K.C., for the fair, frank and fearless manner in which he has spoken and written on the question of judges sitting on commissions and accepting extra-judicial employment and railway passes; and I, for one, heartily endorse not only his conclusions, but, with one or two minor exceptions, his reasons for them as expressed in the Canadian Law Times for October last (wherein is given his address to Mr. Justice Pothier), and his article in the same number entitled "Jobs for Judges." And there are no less to the same effect in the Canadian Law Review for Sept., p. 681, and in the Canada Law Journal for September, p. 531, and October, p. 692, which gives similar and additional reasons for these conclusions. Not only on the grounds mentioned by Mr. Ewart is a continuation of the practice as regards commissions plainly undesirable from a mere public point of view, which is of primary importance, but also for a further reason very aptly stated by the Canada Law Journal for October, at p. 602, as follows:

"Another matter, which perhaps more affects the relations between judges themselves, is that the absence of one judge on extra-judicial work throws an unfair burden on his brethren. This, moreover, is apt to delay litigation, and causes the public to feel that the judges are not doing their duty."

I do, even from this, so to speak, domestic aspect, the public is directly concerned, for it has to pay for the extra judge to make up for those whose energies are misdirected into other channels.

Since I was appointed to the bench, over five years ago, I have sat on one commission (to settle conflicting mining claims) and have felt it my duty to refuse to sit on one other, or to sit as an arbitrator for two private persons. It is true that all commissions are not of the same nature, and one kind is not open in the opinion of some at least, to the same objections, so far as the primary effect on the public is concerned, i.e., the revision of statutes as mentioned by the Canada Law Journal (September, p. 539). Nevertheless, even such revising commissions, primarily domestic in nature, and ultimately public, for the reasons stated in the extract above quoted, and I think a judge who revises a statute is hampered in arriving at a proper conclusion should be called upon to construe it.

After full reflection, I have come to the conclusion that if a judge acts on any commission other than international, it has directly or indirectly, publicly or domestically, an undesirable effect on the administration of justice, and is contrary to the welfare of the state, and even if I were again to get the opportunity I am not likely to accept of publishing this letter. I should refuse to sit unless I became my plain duty to do so by virtue of some statutory direction.

As Mr. Ewart says, absolute independence of thought and action is essential to a judge, and it is idle to say, such is the frailty of human nature, that a poor man is not at least unconsciously affected to some degree and in some directions, be it more or less, by the prospect of easily adding to his administrative salary, say \$1,000, \$2,000, \$3,000, or possibly more, for aught I know. Now, the vast majority of judges are poor men, who have nothing but that same inadequate salary to live on, and here is a man of criticism, by saying that I am one of that majority, and it is manifest that such a man cannot, especially if a father, lightly put aside the prospect of a handsome and speedy increase to his income, hampered as he is by the growing needs and education of a family and a struggle to reasonably preserve the status of a dignified office in the manner expected of him in these spacious and expensive days of 1903, on a salary which was decreed to be, and was, fairly inadequate in the relatively simple times of 1897.

Under such circumstances, and to prevent his independence being laid open to suspicion, all temptations in the nature of commissions, railway passes, and directorships (in regard to which I shall speak later), ought to be removed from his path. It should be said of every judge, as it was of that judicial paragon, Lord Chief Justice Hale, not only that "he constantly shunned the least corrupt, but everything which had any appearance of might afford the least suspicion of it."

In making the above statements, I wish to be distinctly understood that nothing is further from my intention than to reflect on the manner in which any of my learned brothers have conducted themselves on any commissions, it is principles, not individuals, that I am discussing, and it is, in my opinion, fit and proper that the views of the bench on this grave question should be made public, otherwise a false impression might be gathered regarding their general attitude thereto.

As to railway passes, I do not hesitate to say that in my opinion it is a highly improper thing for any judge to accept them; so improper, that it is a grave accusation against a judge to allege it. At the same time I am aware that it is generally believed that judges accept them, but I shall not assume that any member of the bench does so till the fact is established. There are judges I know who have persistently refused them and returned them to the senders. And steamship passes are, of course, in the same category as railway passes, and of these latter I am in a special position to speak, because, as Judge of the Admiralty Court of this great maritime province, as well as a member of the Supreme Court thereof, the whole shipping interest of British Columbia is, in case of marine litigation, within my jurisdiction, and so, perhaps, I am as well qualified to hold views on the subject of free judicial transportation as any of my learned brothers in Canada. Be it clearly understood that the accepted status of a pass for one's self or the members of one's family is not "a mere compliment," as it is sometimes gracefully and airily designated, but a substantial gift, worth, in some instances, that I could name, several hundred dollars. According to my way of looking at it, a judge who sits on a case with a pass from the defendant's company in his pocket, occupies some what the same position as did those historic "impartial jurists of repute" (I quote from the United States who sat on a recent commission, and, after declaring, before their appointment, that Canada had no rights, gravely proceeded to adjudicate (2) upon that which they had already determined had no existence.

As regards directorships of public companies generally, such as insurance, trust, land, financial and others, I am of the opinion that judges should not accept them, whatever is the practice in other countries. It is not seemly that a judge should occupy what is in the public eye considered to be the equivocal position of a "guinea-pig," glorify it as you may. Some very few judges do it, but again I say I have known judges who have refused such offers, though probably they needed, and will need, the income that could have been so derived more than those who have accepted them. I have the best reasons for knowing that such alleged offers have been made, and that the purpose of obtaining the judge's name.

Of course such is the dangerous laxity of the times, even as regards the fountain of justice, there is a certain, and not very small, portion of the community which, with that inclination to shift and shirk responsibility which is so marked a feature in our day, views the whole matter in an easy-going manner, somewhat as follows:—"Well, the judges are paid so badly that we don't grudge them any outside advantage which they may derive from this office. But I wish to protest vigorously against the adoption of such a low standard and such a degradation of the office, so contrary to every principle on which it is founded. Judges should receive remuneration from the source only, and that is from parliament."

It follows that those judges who will not increase their income from extra-judicial sources are placed at a considerable disadvantage, and, if they have no private means, must, to take one illustration only, deny themselves and their families the more attractive and expensive holiday journeys indulged in by their friends and associates, and the same social degree, and either stay at home or be content with the nearer and cheaper resorts, consoling themselves, doubtless, with the reflection that it is better to stay at home with their self-respect than to go away on a pass and leave it behind.

So far I have been viewing the matter from the point of view of the public, and on that point I take my stand, and feel sure that the overwhelming majority of my learned brothers will stand with me. But I suppose there must, even on this question, being a big one, be a minority, however small, and that some will not agree with all the principles so sought to be laid down. To these, then, I say, viewing it as a matter of mere policy, all judicial commissions, arbitrations, passes, and directorships should be done away with, because the existence of them now stands as a substantial barrier to the readjustment of the salaries of the judiciary to meet the times. The popular idea is that by such means the stipends of judges as a class are very considerably increased, whereas the fact is that only a very small percentage profit by them. Nevertheless, the production of a receipt bill in parliament, or its publication in the press, showing that so many thousands of dollars have been paid to Mr. Justice Blank as a remuneration for sitting on the So-and-so Commission, and the fact that the stipend of the subject judge in the matter indicated, and is it not rather hard on the majority that, because they take a higher view of their office, their income is lower than that of the minority?

What, then, it will be asked, on the whole matter, ought to be done? The practical answer has already been furnished by Senator Ferguson in his speech on his bill on the subject in the Senate, and by the Canada Law Journal (p. 602), and it is this:

"The simple business proposition is to pay judges handsomely for the very important work which properly belongs to their office, and let them do that and nothing else."

This letter, I am afraid, has attained an unexpected length, but the importance of the subject justifies its full consideration. I shall conclude by saying, as has been said in one of the above citations, that it is fortunate we have in the present Minister of Justice

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Very faithfully yours,
ARTHUR MARTIN.

Law Courts, Victoria, B.C., November 10, 1903.

(*) Such as the alleged maxim, "Once a Puisse, always a Puisse." In Canada in practice this rule has only been honored in the breach and not in the observance. Taking Mr. Ewart's own province of Manitoba, the three last appointments to the chief justiceship have been from the ranks of the puisne judges. And who will say that it was wrong from any point of view to elevate Mr. Justice Kilham to the chief justiceship, and thence to the Supreme Court at Ottawa? Or the late Mr. Justice Gwynne, or Mr. Justice Armour, or the present chief justice of Canada? Even in England, where the large salary, £500 per annum, might perhaps be supposed to be the origin of the maxim, as tending to satisfy any reasonable man, it is not the observed in the face of merit. To take only a few late examples, was it wrong to promote Lord Justice Russell to be Lord Justice? or Mr. Justice Matthew to be Lord Justice Matthew? or Lord Justice Henn Collins to be master of the rolls? I maintain that a man should aspire to rise as high as the service of his country as his merits will allow him to do. Any other policy is a fighting and a withering one, which would deprive the state of its chief ornaments. Is it any wonder, then, that men tend to get the best men to accept seats on the bench? And are under those conditions, good judges so common that their country can afford to keep them down? A judge may

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be prepared to give up all prospect of extra remuneration or benefit from commissions, or arbitrations, or directorships, or railway passes, but he should not be asked to abandon all hope that ability and faithful discharge of duty will be eventually recognized, by his fellow-countrymen. That expectation, remote though it be, is an additional incentive to sound and faithful work, and there is no fear, if a judge is worthy to sit on a bench at all, of its affecting his independence, because, if he does his duty, independence is one of the most essential and unmistakable characteristics of that duty, without which he could not hope to be successful.

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MUNICIPAL NOTICE

Municipal Elections

1904.

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing persons to represent them in the Municipal Council as Mayor or Aldermen.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered to the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., in the manner following:

For the office of Mayor, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid.

For the office of Alderman for North Ward, in Room No. 9, Public Market Building, Cornmarket street.

For the office of Alderman for the Central Ward, in Room No. 7, Public Market Building, Cornmarket street.

For the office of Alderman for the South Ward, in Room No. 5, Public Market Building, Cornmarket street, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

The persons qualified to be nominated for the election as Mayor of the City of Victoria shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the nomination, registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Estate in the City of Victoria of the assessed value of the last municipal assessment roll of one thousand dollars, or more over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

The persons qualified to be nominated for, and elected as Alderman of the City of Victoria, shall be such persons as are male British subjects of the full age of twenty-one years, and are not disqualified under any law, and have been for the six months next preceding the day of nomination, the registered owner in the Land Registry Office of Land or Real Property in the City of Victoria of the assessed value of the last municipal assessment roll of five hundred dollars, or more over and above any registered incumbrance or charge, and who are otherwise duly qualified as municipal voters.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHSCOTT,
Returning Officer.

MUNICIPAL NOTICE

ELECTION OF SCHOOL

TRUSTEES

Public notice is hereby given to the electors of the Municipality of the City of Victoria, that I require the presence of the said electors at the City Hall, in the aforesaid City on Monday, the 11th day of January, 1904, from 12 (noon) to 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing four members of the Board of Trustees for Victoria City School District.

Any person being a householder in the School District, and being a British subject of the full age of twenty-one years, and otherwise qualified by the "Public Schools Act" to vote at an election of School Trustees in the said School District is eligible to be elected or to serve as a School Trustee.

The mode of nomination of candidates shall be as follows:

The candidates shall be nominated in writing, the writing shall be subscribed by two voters of the Municipality as proposer and seconder, and shall be delivered by the Returning Officer at any time between the date of the notice and 2 p. m. of the day of the nomination, and in the event of a poll, being necessary such poll will be opened on Thursday, the 14th day of January, 1904, in the Court Room of the City Hall aforesaid, from 9 a. m. to 7:30 p. m., at which time and place each elector who is duly qualified to vote for Mayor, will be entitled to cast his vote for four (4) candidates for members of the Board of School Trustees, but may only cast one vote for any such candidate, of which every person is hereby required to take notice and govern himself accordingly.

Given under my hand at Victoria, British Columbia, the 2nd day of January, 1904.

WM. W. NORTHSCOTT,
Returning Officer.

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Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	6:05	4:00	
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